GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CLINICAL TEST ON SUCRALOSE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sucralose is being used by children in the United States of America but the same is not allowed to be used by children in India ;

(b) if so, whether this ban has been clinically examined ;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the outcome of the clinical tests conducted in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) The PFA Rules, 1955, provides for restriction on use and sale of artificial sweeteners. Artifical sweeteners permitted under these rules, which include sucralose may be used in food articles with quantitative restriction and labeling requirements prescribed under the rules. Every package of food containing artificial sweeteners (including sucralose) shall inter-alia be labeled as `Not recommended for children`.

The label declaration `Not recommended for children` was recommended for product containing artificial sweeteners and table top sweeteners after taking into consideration the nutritional status of the children in the country. No clinical test has been conducted in this regard.